

GEN. CARRANZA IS NOT HOSTILE

Wants Good Will of U. S.; Would Modify Protocol; Reply To Be Drafted

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—What answer will be returned to Gen. Carranza's latest appeal for modification of the protocol signed at Atlantic City will be determined here Tuesday. On that date the members of the Mexican-American commission will meet and consider the Mexican reply delivered Thursday to Secretary Lane by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission.

The Mexican commissioners will be here Monday and in the event the Americans decide Carranza's reply can be given consideration an immediate joint session will be held.

Gen. Carranza's latest communication was examined closely today by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American members of the joint commission.

Carranza Less Insistent.
Although the document has not been made public, it was said Gen. Carranza's insistence on the unconditional retirement of the American forces is not as strong as formerly, chiefly because of the new military situation in northern Mexico.

There appeared to be reason to believe that one of the conditions to which Carranza now objects is that in which he is required to guarantee territory controlled by Americans as they march out. It was indicated that the increased activities of Villa and the steady growth of his army of bandits has made it difficult for Carranza to use any considerable part of his army in the district now occupied by Gen. Pershing when it might be necessary to use the same force in meeting more active moves of Villa at other points.

Wants Good Will of U. S.
The situation was discussed by Mr. Cabrera and Mr. Lane after the communication had been delivered. The two men lunched together at Secretary Lane's club. They talked over in a wholly informal way the objections Carranza had to the protocol as it was drafted and Mr. Carranza recognized the necessity of maintaining the good will of the United States.

Wants More Lenient Attitude.
Those who have been in touch with Carranza's representatives asserted that in his latest representations he expressed a willingness to ratify the agreement if a more definite date for the troop withdrawal was specified and a more lenient attitude was displayed towards the question of increased bandit activity.

Carranza holds that his government is doing all it humanly can to restore order in the north and that it will continue to do so, but that the presence of the American troops on Mexican soil is making the task more difficult by giving Villa and his lieutenants a pretext for urging the disaffected to join him in his fight against Carranza.

The failure of Carranza flatly to repudiate the protocol may appear that the Americans would give his communication due consideration and that the next meeting of the joint commission might be the first of a series at which would be continued the efforts to a solution of the different problems.

31ST MICHIGAN READY TO LEAVE

Cars Are Here and Packing Begins Saturday Morning; El Paso Thanked.

The 31st Michigan Infantry under the command of Col. Walter Barlow will begin to pack its equipment and personal belongings early Saturday morning in accordance with the latest orders from the war department, to leave for home Sunday at noon, to be mustered out.

About 16 horses and twice that many mules have been returned to the regiment station.

During its stay here, the 31st Infantry, which was one of the first national guard units to arrive on the El Paso border, has finished its border training in many maneuvers.

From September 14th to 25th, the regiment was on border patrol and during that time each man had a week or more in regulation target practice at one of the different ranges, and two days after its return it began the 15-day rifle, October 1, to Las Cruces and return.

Sick Sick: Four Deaths.
The sick rate has been very low, and it would have been extremely low if an epidemic of colds and grip had not caught the regiment, beginning the first of December.

Only four deaths have taken place during the regiment's stay here, two from pneumonia. One man was killed falling off of a truck, and one by being accidentally shot.

All of the cars to transport the men from the border to El Paso (Detroit, Michigan) are at Camp Cotton. All will go home in Pullmans.

Regiment Is Strong.
The strength of the regiment now is 1123 enlisted men and about 18 commissioned officers, or approximately 1142 men and officers.

The route that the regiment will take has not been announced, but it is thought that it will be over the Michigan Central to Detroit.

There have been no orders issued for any regiment to take the place of the 31st at Camp Cotton, and it is doubtful if any regiment will replace the boys from Michigan, although many mess tents and quarters have been constructed for the men.

Grateful To El Paso.
The following was given The Herald with a request that it be published. We desire to thank the people of El Paso for all of the kindness that has been extended to the officers and enlisted men of the 31st Michigan Infantry, N. G., and especially to a number of families, residents of El Paso, who have gone out of their way and opened their homes to entertain the men from Michigan. The relationship between the townspeople of El Paso and the 31st Michigan has been most pleasant.

LID LIFTING POSTPONED.
The date of the opening of public gambling in Juarez has been postponed from Saturday to next Thursday.

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PUT SOLDIERS IN QUARANTINE

Four Members of Co. I, On Duty at Las Cruces, Have Mumps; Patrol Changed.

Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 28.—Company I, of the Second South Carolina Infantry, which has been stationed here for the past three weeks, was placed under quarantine yesterday afternoon, and a Kentucky company was sent to Las Cruces. The quarantine is due to the fact that four men of company I have mumps and were taken to an ambulance to El Paso to the base hospital. Three of the young men give about well, but the fourth is still weak.

AUDITORIUM DEDICATION IS A MEMORABLE EVENT

About 1200 people attended the dedication of the Seventh Infantry auditorium at Fort Bliss Thursday night, including scores of officers of the army units stationed at the fort. The hall was crowded and several hundred people were turned away.

Chaplain Griffith, of the Seventh Infantry, presided and the program included the following numbers: Devotional prayer, chaplain W. W. Brander; Eighty cavalry, humorous talk, W. R. Ware, song, "The National Guardian," composed by F. E. Egbert, song by Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Evans, vocal solos, Miss Virginia Burk, talk, "Religion and Amusement," chaplain Atkinson. Third Ohio, address of welcome, Lieut. Col. George D. Moore, Seventh Infantry; concert by Seventh Infantry band; presentation of flowers by commissioned officers to Mrs. Griffith and other women who took part in the program.

Among the selections rendered by the band was a composition prepared especially for the occasion. Arthur S. Haynes was leader. Major Tom Lam, who was to have made a talk, was unable to be present. The rendition of "The National Guardian," the solos by Miss Burk and the talk by Mr. Ware brought great applause.

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VILLA REPORTED MOVING NORTH

U. S. Agents Receive News That He Is Coming This Way.

Government agents received a report Friday that Francisco Villa and his forces were moving north from Torreon in the direction of Chihuahua City with a column of approximately 2000 men. Torreon was evacuated by the Villa forces, according to this same source and was occupied by the disaffected forces. No date was given for his reconquest of the city.

EVERY ABLE-BODIED CITIZEN LIABLE FOR WAR SERVICE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—War department regulations issued for the government of the national guard under the national defense act hold that every able-bodied citizen of the United States is subject to service in the national guard in war time without further action by congress.

In a circular prepared nearly two months ago, but made public only now, the militia bureau directs that where a national guard regiment is called out for war service, a reserve training battalion to fill vacancies at the front shall be organized out of the national guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment.

"If for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough voluntary enlistments to organize up to keep the reserve battalions at prescribed strength, a sufficient number of the unorganized militia shall be drafted by the president."

MORE PROMINENT OFFICERS ARE KILLED BY VILLISTAS

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 10.—The constitutional convention at Queretaro Thursday adopted a resolution of condolence on the death of Col. Gabriel Calandier, a candidate who was killed with Gen. Toribio de Los Santos, when Villa followers attacked a train near Torreon. The bodies of the two officers were reported to have been brutally mutilated. Similar reports have been received in regard to the majority of the constitutional officers killed in the northern fighting.

MAJ. SIGERFOOS GIVEN BERTH WITH ARMY IN CHINA

Maj. Edward Sigerfoos, infantry, U. S. army, commanding the motor truck regiment at El Paso, has been assigned to the 15th infantry and ordered to join the regiment in China. This is considered one of the most desirable berths in the army, next to that of the general staff, on which Maj. Sigerfoos has recently served. Maj. Sigerfoos takes a leave of absence in a few days for a month and will sail on February 5 from San Francisco for his new station.

21 QUARTERMASTER CLERKS AT SAN ANTONIO PROMOTED.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 29.—Under an act of congress which permits clerks of the quartermaster's department after at least 12 years service to be raised to sergeant's positions, 21 civilian clerks of the quartermaster's corps of the southern department have been promoted to be field clerks.

The promotion entitles them to the allowances of second lieutenants in the regular army, amounting to about \$280 yearly.

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COMMISSIONS TO ENLISTED MEN

117 Men Serving In Ranks of U. S. Army Are Promoted to Officers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Provisional commissions as second lieutenants were received Thursday by 117 enlisted men in the regular army, comprising non-commissioned officers and privates, together with former officers of the Philippine Scouts.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHIHUAHUA STATE IS PLAN

A \$25,000 corporation, with the object of giving impetus to the industrial and commercial development of the Chihuahua frontier, is being projected in Juarez.

Castulo Herrera, is spearheading handbills throughout Juarez, in the effort to get his fellow citizens interested in his plan, which he terms "essentially nationalistic."

A public meeting has been called for Sunday at 3 p. m. to be held in the Juarez theater, for the purpose of discussing social and industrial questions.

VILLISTAS HOLD SALTILLO. IS UNCONFIRMED REPORT

Villa partisans here announced Friday that forces operating under the banner of Villa had occupied Saltillo, capital of Coahuila, located between Torreon and Monterrey. The report was denied by Carranza officials here.

Mrs. Arnulfo Gonzalez, wife of Gov. Gonzalez, of Chihuahua, arrived here Thursday from Saltillo with the report that the de facto troops had left there to take a field against Villa forces near Torreon.

EIGHTH CAVALRY'S PARADE WILL BE ONE MILE LONG

The New Year's jubilee of the Eighth cavalry, a celebration that has been held annually for 24 years by this organization, will be the greatest in history this time. A parade a mile long will be held, headed by a mimic band mounted on mules.

There will be goats, burros, bicycles, motorcycles and other mounts, besides a host of unmounted men. The parade will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

CARRANZA SAYS MURGUIA HAS RECAPTURED TORREON

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 29.—It was announced Thursday afternoon by Mexican consul Beltran that he had received a message from Gen. Carranza that Gen. Francisco Murguia had recaptured Torreon. There were no details.

MEX. CONVENTION TO VOTE ON EIGHT HOUR DAY PLAN.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 29.—The committee of the constitutional convention in charge of labor legislation has asked permission to withdraw its report by the convention decided to take a vote on the article as it was presented.

Deleate Macia, in a three hour speech, presented a statement from Gen. Carranza dealing with the question of labor and capital on the basis of the systems employed in big plants in the United States. Report several new features have been added to the original article, including a provision for an eight hour day.

22 CARRANCISTAS KILLED IN BRUSH WITH BANDITS

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 29.—According to a statement at the Mexican consulate here, all but eight of a Carranza force of 30 men from the Ojinaga garrison were killed in a fight with bandits at Polvorin ranch, 70 miles south of here. The eight survivors, headed by their leader, Col. Hernandez, barricaded themselves in a ranch house and made a successful defense.

SAN LUIS POTOSI REFUGEES ARE LEAVING FOR BORDER

A telegram was received here Friday by an American mining man from the Americans who fled from Torreon to San Luis Potosi when the Villa forces were advancing on Torreon. The message stated that the Americans would leave there Friday for the border.

The telegram came by way of Monterrey to the border and is taken here as an indication that San Luis Potosi is still held by the Carranza forces.

ASK PERMISSION TO BRING \$125,000 GOLD TO U. S.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 29.—Two prominent Mexican women, said to be Mrs. Jesus Carranza and the wife of governor Gustavo Espinosa Mirales of Coahuila, have made application for permission to send across to the American side two boxes containing \$125,000 Mexican gold. The request probably will be granted.

PARTISANS SAY FELIX DIAZ IS CLOSE TO MEXICO CITY

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 29.—Felix Diaz is 60 miles west of Mexico City with 1200 men, according to a telegram received by revolutionist sympathizers here today. He is said to be planning an attack on the capital.

The Mexican consul here says Diaz is in Guatemala, where he is being carefully watched by the Carranza government.

ONLY ONE OF GONZALEZ'S COMMAND IN JUAREZ

The only member of the brigade of Gen. Francisco Gonzalez to remain in Juarez is sub Lieut. Juan C. Leon. The young officer asked for permission to remain on the border because he "liked the climate and the people."

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NO FLOWING BOWL TO MAKE DENVER GLAD

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—A year ago Denver celebrated New Year's Eve in the old style with the usual flowing bowl. This year things will be different because the flowing bowl will be absent. The city is preparing to celebrate a year of prohibition in a perfectly "safe and sane" manner.

This year there will be special music programs in all the large cafes and hotel and dining rooms, but there will be no wine. Cafe owners and hotel managers have announced they will not permit their patrons to bring their own wine because the law positively prohibits the serving of intoxicants in hotels and public places.

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Fancy Beef and Pork Tenderloin, lb. 40c
Genuine Spring Lamb Legs and Chops, lb. 25c
Fancy Mutton Legs and Chops, lb. 20c
Fancy Mutton or Shoulder Roast, lb. 15c
Fancy Mutton for Stewing, lb. 10c
Fancy Fresh Pork Ham Roasts, lb. 22c
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